

FREE GIFT DISTRIBUTION!

Every purchaser of \$5.00 worth of goods from our large and well-selected retail stock, consisting of

CLOTHING,



HATS, CAPS

Gents' Furnishing Goods, Etc.,

Will be presented with a ticket entitling the holder to one share in the FREE GIFT DISTRIBUTION of the following Prizes:

ONE \$50.00 IN GOLD.

- " 25.00 " "
- " 15.00 " "
- " 10.00 " "
- " 40.00 SUIT TO ORDER.
- " 25.00 MAN'S SUIT.
- " 25.00 " OVERCOAT.
- " 20.00 " SUIT.
- " 15.00 " "
- " 20.00 YOUTH'S " OVERCOAT.
- " 20.00 " SUIT.
- " 15.00 BOY'S OVERCOAT.
- " 10.00 " SUIT.
- " 15.00 PANTS TO ORDER.
- " 15.00 ZINC TRUNK.
- " 10.00 MOROCCO VALISE.
- " 40.00 SEWING MACHINE.
- " 20.00 AMERICAN CHINA QUEEN ANNE DINNER SET, from E. J. Bartholomew & Co.
- " HAWORTH CHECK ROWER.
- " BARREL FLOUR from D. S. Shellabarger & Co.

To be Given Away Mar. 2, 1882

PANTS MADE TO ORDER FOR \$5.00.

J. R. RACE & CO.

March 15, 1881—d&wtf

ALL RIGHT!

Our Informal Opening a Big Success

CUSTOMERS DELIGHTED.

For the many compliments please accept thanks. Have added to our force in Trimming Department. All orders promptly executed. We put on sale to-day

50 DOZEN CANTON HATS, TURBANS, SAILORS' Walking Hats, &c., &c., at 25 cents each.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

in DRY GOODS, DRESS GOODS, STAPLES, FANCIES and DOMESTICS. Owing to the lateness of the season, Importers, Jobbers and Manufacturers are making large concessions in prices. Not being over-loaded, we are prepared to take advantage of the markets, and give our customers the benefit.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.

No. 10 Merchant St., Gehrmann's Old Stand.

April 11, 1881—d&wtf

How to Make Money!

Executive's Sale of Real Estate. By virtue of an order of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, made at the April term thereof, A. D. 1881, upon the petition of the undersigned, executor of the estate of Thomas Downing, deceased, against John B. Downing and others, I will, on the 10th day of May, 1881, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public vendue, at the west door of the court house, in Decatur, Illinois, the following described real estate situated in Macon county, Ill.: Lots 10 and 11, in the interest of the said Thomas Downing, deceased. In lots three (3) and six (6) in block fifteen (15) in Allen, McReynolds & Co.'s addition to the town (now city) of Decatur.

Terms of sale: One-half cash, and one-half on twelve months' time, the deferred payment to be secured by note, bearing 8 per cent. interest, with approved personal security and mortgage upon the premises sold. An attorney's fee in case of foreclosure. No conveyance to be made until the sale has been reported and approved by said court.

MARGARET A. DOWNING, Executor.

Dated: Decatur, Ill., April 19th, 1881. d&wtf

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ARTEMUS WARD

How the Celebrated Humorist Acquired His Nom de Plume.

There has been not a little speculation as to how Brown came by his nom de plume, "Artemus Ward." Doctor Shattuck says, that having some confidential business with him during one of his last visits to Waterford, he took the occasion to inquire in particular about it. Brown said it was in this wise: While engaged at the Plain Dealer office, in Cleveland, Ohio, he made the acquaintance of an eccentric old gentleman whose actual name was Artemus Ward, though assuming some more pretentious titles. This man was in the show business, having a limited number of "wax figures," birds, "snax," and a kangaroo. While waiting on the printers for his bills, he amused Brown by telling an endless number of anecdotes, all of which were duly treasured up. Among these were some of the incidents in Brown's article entitled "Edwin Forrest as Othello." He referred to the following as one of the contributions of the original Artemus Ward:

"Ed was actin' at Niblo's Garden, but let that pass. I set down in the pit, took out my spectacles, and commenced perousin' the even' bill. * * * As I was perousin' the bill, a grave young man who sat near me asked me if I'd ever seen Forrest dance the Essence of Old Virginny."

Sez I: "Fair youth, do you know what I'd do with you if you was my son?"

"No," sez he. "Wall, sez I, I'd appint your funeral to-morrow afternoon, and the corps should be ready! You're too smart to live on this yearth."

The old man claimed himself to be the hero of the story. Brown, however, wanted the credit of correcting the spelling and of dressing the stories up in good literary style. Pleased with the name, he attached it to several of his complete productions, and finding that it took with the public, adopted "A. Ward" as his own.—Scribner for May.

Oh, What a Cough!

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 cents to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a million bottles were sold the past year. It relieves cough, and whooping cough, at once. Mothers do not be without it. For lame back, side, or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Henry Smith, druggist.

Dyspepsia & Liver Complaint. Is it not worth the small price of 75 cents to free yourself of every symptom of these distressing complaints, if you think so, call at our store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer, every bottle has a printed guarantee on it, use accordingly and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing. Sold by Henry Smith.

We have a speedy and positive cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache, in SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY. A nasal injector goes with each bottle. Use it if you desire health and sweet breath. Price 50 cents. Sold by Henry Smith. Dec 11—d&wtf

BUCKLE'S ARNICA BALM. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Stings, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all kinds of skin eruptions. This Salve is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box.

Announcement. We are authorized to announce to the citizens of Decatur and Macon county, that the new spring stock of Boots and Shoes received by J. W. Baker is the most stylish and best fitting goods in the city. apr 6—d&wtf

Shellabarger's Patent Process Flour retains all the nourishment contained in the wheat. None of its virtues are wasted. Try it. (Dec. 18 d&wtf)

Why will you pay \$2.50 or \$3.00 for shoes when you can go to No. 18 East Main street and buy the same quality of shoes of J. W. Baker for \$2.00 and \$1.50. Feb 2—d&wtf

WELL FIXED. Pencil writing may be fixed almost indelibly by passing the moistened tongue over it. Invalids can be cured of Dyspepsia and its attendant horrors by using Spring Blossom. Price: \$1, 50 cts., and trial bottle 10 cts. apr 27

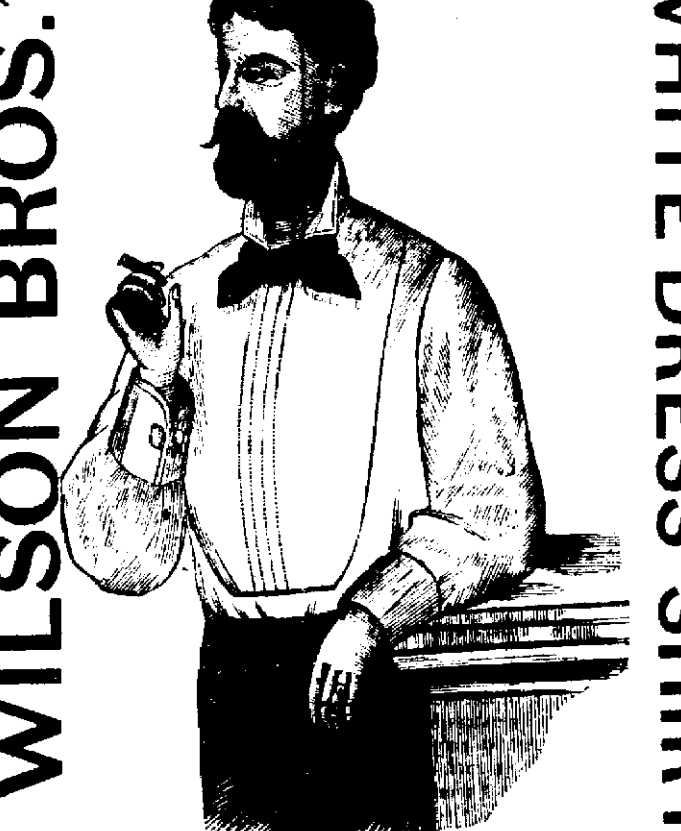
PATENT "La Reine" corset, a beautiful corset, superbly made, without bones, in high favor with many, to which we call the attention of the ladies. Dec 18. LANN & SCARVOS.

New Carpets, new Wall-papers, new modes of decorating, new prices. Abel & Locke are turning things upside down. See their card in another place. 24—d&wtf

Spring Beds, Cooking Stoves, Parlor Suits, at cost, at Asby & Andrews, east of Shellabarger's mill. Want them out of the way. 20dtt

THE CELEBRATED

WHITE DRESS SHIRT



FOR SALE READY MADE, OR MADE TO ORDER.

—BY—

B. STINE,

The "BOSS CLOTHIER."

The popularity of the WILSON BROS.' SHIRTS, wherever they have been introduced, has given most all other makes out of the market, not on account of being cheaper in price, as practice too often followed by unprincipled dealers in introducing low price inferior goods, not cheap as represented. The cheapness and desirability of any article is its intrinsic value, durability, comfort and lightness being the factors.

MERCHANT TAILORING.

Suits made to Order on the Improved Method, and FITS WARRANTED, at 25 per cent. lower than any Merchant Tailoring Establishment in the city, by

B. STINE,

The "BOSS CLOTHIER."

Dealer in fine Custom-made Clothing for Men, Youths, Boys and Children, and Gents' Furnishing Goods, at square prices, on the Old Square.

Feb. 12, 1881—dtt.

Ready! Ready!

We are ready to take your order for an

ELEGANT BONNET OR HAT.

We are Ready to Sell you a FRENCH BONNET!

We are Ready to Fit the Children Out!

We are ready to show the BEST STOCK of MILLINERY in the City!

We are ready to sell you HATS untrimmed from 25 cts. to the best!

We are ready to sell you HATS trimmed from 75 cts. to the best!

We are ready to see our friend!

Again, we are ready to sell you DRY GOODS in the city cheaper than you will buy them. Call and examine our stock.

BRUCE & GASSLER.

April 29, 1881—dimo2

NATURE'S TRIUMPH.

FRAZIER'S ROOT BITTERS

If you are weak, or languid, use Frazier's Bitters. If your flesh is flabby and your complexion sallow, use Frazier's Bitters. If you live in a malarial district, use Frazier's Bitters. If you are down with the care of children, use Frazier's Bitters. If you have kept late hours and lived contrary to the laws of health, use Frazier's Root Bitters. If you need toning up, take Frazier's Root Bitters. If you have abused instead of used nature's gifts, use Frazier's Bitters. If you feel old before your time, use Frazier's Bitters. If life has become a burden and you have gloomy forebodings, use Frazier's Bitters. If your hands tremble and your eyes have grown dim, Frazier's Root Bitters will make you feel young again. Sold by all druggists everywhere at the low price \$1.00 per bottle.

HENRY & DAVIES, Sole Prop'rs, Dec. 25, 1880—d&wtf

We keep everything in our line; low shoes, high shoes, big shoes, little shoes, broad shoes, narrow shoes, fine shoes or coarse shoes, and if you want any other kind of a shoe we will order it for you. We aim to please. Call and see us. d&wtf

DR. ROGER'S VEGETABLE WORM SYRUP instantly destroys worms and removes the secretions which cause them.

COME in and take a look at our Beech and Muzzle Loaders, 10 and 12 pounders; prices below competition.

KORRENT & O'NEILL.

2—d&wtf Two doors east of P. O.

MOODY'S, FRY'S, BORTKREK'S, together with the LARGEST, CHEAPEST and BEST assortment of FRENCH and AMERICAN CORSETS, to be found anywhere.

Feb. 9—d&wtf LANN & SCARVOS

"CHEAP CHARLEY'S" CORNER.



I CAN SEE,

SAYS THE BLIND MAN.

THAT A MAN WHO MANUFACTURES HIS OWN CLOTHING AND BUYS HIS GOODS FOR CASH, CAN SELL IT AT A LOWER PRICE THAN THE MAN WHO HAS TO PAY A PROFIT TO THE JOBBER.

How Could the Blind Man See It? Plain Enough

By Comparing the Quality and Ascertaining the Price.

The man who manufactures knows what quality of material he gets in a garment, and therefore gives his customers the benefit of his knowledge. A man who buys his goods ready made, can judge only from appearance, and is therefore often deceived. People with a keen eye can see the difference between the two. All those who wish to read the names of the manufacturers of the goods sold at the MANUFACTURER'S and CHEAPLY SAVED, MIDDLEMEN'S PROFITS, as well as secure

Best Quality, Best Style and Best Fit, SHOULD VISIT THE

SPRING EXHIBITION!

At CHEAP CHARLEY'S

ONE PRICE ESTABLISHMENT.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, HATS AND CAPS, CANNOT BE SURPASSED FOR BEAUTY AND LOW PRICES.

Trunks and Valises at Manufacturer's Price.

CHEAP CHARLEY.

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH, MANUFACTURERS.

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH

Manufacturers of

MLN'S AND BOYS'

Clothing!

For Men's Wear.

Also a Water-Proof

COAT.

Not wealth, but truth, is the only basis of success.

Get RIGHT UP and see for yourself.

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The American Vapor Cooking Stove

Manufactured in the U. S. A.

Is the latest improved burner and is the only one that will burn any kind of gas or oil.

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A HORRIBLE disaster at Elgin, Ill., resulting in the drowning of fifteen persons, is detailed in our news columns.

YESTERDAY Hamburg Butler occupied the attention of the senate, telling his disgusted hearers how lovely everything is in the state of South Carolina, and how much he is in favor of "a free ballot, a full vote and a fair count."

The entire Democratic side of the Illinois house of representatives, assisted by a handful of Republicans, yesterday succeeded in creating a deadlock, which resulted in wasting about \$1500 more of the people's money.

It is now claimed that a light superior to the electric has been discovered, and that the latter will have to pale its ineffectual rays. The new light is thus described: "The device consists of an ordinary air-tight cylinder, into which is introduced a paste compound of certain proportions of gasoline and powdered charcoal, on top of which is packed tightly some fibrous material like cotton. Through a pipe in one end of this cylinder is forced atmospheric air, subjected to a greater or less degree of compression according as heat or light is desired, and the resulting product is led from the other end into a receiver, and thence into a main just as coal gas now is, and burned in a similar manner. The degree of heat from this gas varies with the compression—the greater the compression the more intense the heat, and under a sufficient and easily attained compression a heat is produced so intense as to astonish all who have witnessed it, and to promise wonderful results for the invention. It is well to bear in mind, however, the fact that new inventions of a wonderful nature widely heralded in advance of their perfection seldom ripen. Like perpetual motion and the Keesley motor, the performance has never been able to come up to the full text of the show bills, and consequently inventors who have anything of real merit will make capital for themselves and their discoveries by not proclaiming from the house top that which, if a practical and useful invention, will in a short time proclaim itself.

An Affectionate Meeting

From the New York Times.

Twenty and odd years ago, when the south was on the point of declaring war against the Union, there were few men who had more intimate and social personal relations with the cotton state representatives than had Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania. He was in most respects entirely unlike them, yet in some things he was a man after their own heart. He was quick of action, strong willed and plain spoken. For these traits he was admired by the southerners. But most of all, they liked him for his social qualities, and many an evening after the heat of political debate was over he sat with Jeff Davis, Yulee and the rest peacefully, though none the less earnestly, discussing the great questions which were then agitating the country. Two years ago, in his own quiet home at Donegal, the veteran statesman, while discussing those old days and the friends he had known in them, said impressively to a correspondent of the Times who was with him: "It is very sad to think that we were all so badly broken up and separated by the troubles of the war. I wish very much that we could all meet again in the old way. I would give a good deal to see some of the southern senators I used to know at that time. At least one part of Gen. Cameron's wish has been gratified. During his southern trip he met more than one of his old associates. His interview with Yulee was particularly affecting. It was in Fernandina, Fla., that they met. Cameron, hale, strong, erect and hearty, despite his unusually long lifetime of activity and toil, was standing with old, worn, and though still firm upon his feet, plainly showed his 80 years, came toward him saying, "Senator Cameron, I am delighted to welcome you to Florida." "Why, Lord bless me, it's Yulee!" exclaimed the Pennsylvania Nestor, cordially holding out his hand. The southerner took it, grasped it warmly, and much affected, said: "We have not met since I left the senate. It was true, that grasp of hands united two old friends who had not seen each other for twenty years. That they made the best of the three or four hours which they were subsequently able to spend together no one who knows the kindly character of the two men will doubt. It would be well for the country if many other friendships of the same sort could be cemented between the younger men of the north and south.

Fact, Milton's new process bread has no superior. 21-dtf

White wash. I am ready to fill orders for white wash. Shop under Hirsch & McQuinn's store. 21-dtf

If you want good bread buy at Milton's bakery. 21-dtf

AN OLD SOUTHERN BOBOUGH.

By Walter H. Page in the New Atlantic.

The whole town has a languid and self-satisfied appearance. There is little animation in man or beast. The very dogs look lazy. It would require twice the energy to put forth the same effort that it would cost in New England. The streets are neglected, and in places almost impassable; the paint is worn from most of the houses; the people are slow in their movements. In the afternoon, an hour before the mail arrives, a crowd begins to gather about the post office. They sit on chairs that have been half whittled away, on boxes, and on the steps of the porch. If any one approaches and desires to enter, some fellow that is lazily seated in the door will look up mildly and ask, "Want to come in?" Then after a minute of preparation, and a good-natured word about "disturbing a fellow" (at which the more energetic will laugh a little), he will slip aside far enough to allow entrance. The conversation in this company begins usually about the dry weather, or about the wet weather, and then some weather prophet will enumerate his signs of rain or of its "clearing up." It was at such a meeting that an old countryman declared that "a wet drought was mighty nigh as bad as a dry drought." After a while the conversation turns out on the political situation (for everybody is a politician). Then the chances of the favorite candidate for the legislature are talked over, and his opponent is unmercifully "run down." If a stranger has come to the inn (for inn is a better word in this connection than hotel), they wonder, every man in turn, what his business can be, and talk an hour about him; for it is not every day that they have such a person to talk of. Visitors, except "drummers" from the northern cities, are very few.

Every one of these men has what he calls his "business." Frequently two of them are associated in a little grocery, the work of which is not half enough to keep one man employed. While one of the firm is out, "gone after the mail," that is engaged for two or three hours in a discussion at the post office—the other is seated in the cool part of his store room, smoking. His quiet is only disturbed now and then by a customer, who is in no hurry to be waited on. So they, too, engage in a discussion that may last ten minutes or an hour. These men also are fond of talking; but the range of their subjects is very narrow. They could be informed of what is going on in the world, but they do not care for such information. They talk almost entirely about their private and local affairs. Every one of them knows all about every other one, both in business and at home. Around two subjects, chiefly, their conversation centres—the church and politics. They are orthodox in their creed, and good citizens (save in the matter of sins of omission) in their practice. They are moral in their lives, and the most of them are active supporters of one of the Protestant churches. If there happens to be a man among them who denies in the least the literal interpretations of the Scriptures after the manner of their churches, he is considered a dangerous man in their society, however upright his conduct may be. When the season of political discussion is on the wane, two of the best informed among them will begin a fierce discussion on some very abstruse theological question; for example, the efficacy of the different modes of baptism. It will be taken up at the post office, and the whole town will take the one side or the other. Rarely does such a controversy end in less than a week. But no original arguments, or even phrases, are brought forth; ideas and words alike bear the same stamp of the politician or of the preacher.

Our display of Hosiery is immense, and comprises thousands in every shade, quality and kind. Our 10c pair Ladies' hose are superior to anything ever offered for the price, while our assortment of fine hosiery embraces everything in the market. 21-c&w1w

Dr. J. W. Lane, late of Blue Mound, has taken possession of the dental parlors recently occupied by Dr. Dawkins, and will conduct the business there. Doctor Lane was formerly associated with Dr. Watz in the dental business. April 20-dtfw1w

Carpets and wall paper, at lowest prices. LUNA & SONS, 113-dtf

New Restaurant. I have opened a new restaurant at No. 18 south side of the city park, and am prepared to serve good meals at any hour of the day. Will give reduced rates to regular dry boarders. Members of the different granges in the county, and the public generally are invited to give me a call. LUDIA MAGOW. April 29-dtfw

BAKERS' PAIN PANACEA cures pain in Man and Beast. For use externally and internally. No. 2

An Enquirer. Wants a situation; has 17 years experience; residence 46 East North street. apr20-Hum

Found at Last! Some people have found it difficult to secure a good comfortable fitting shoe, but when they try a pair of J. W. Baker's shoes made over the "Common Sense Last," they decide that they are not only comfortable but that they last a long time. apr1-dtfw1w

LADIES! Ladies having handsome dresses to make would do well to give Mrs. Grist a call, as she comes among the people of Decatur well recommended, and having an experience of 10 years in her line of business, can guarantee satisfaction both in work, fitting and finishing. Mrs. J. L. Hays & Co. (March 21-dtf)

TELEGRAPHIC

THE DEADLOCK IN SPRINGFIELD.

A Day Spent in Worse than Foolishness.

APPALING DISASTER AT ELGIN.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The long-promised speech of Senator Butler, in which he was to expose and submit the evidence to sustain his charge of a corrupt bargain between the Republicans and Senator Mahone, was delivered in the senate today to a very small audience, and to those who were informed as to the characteristics of the South Carolina senator, it was simply sound and fury. He had absolutely no proof to sustain his charges of a week ago, and fell back on the old, old, old statement that Kiddleberger, a friend of Mahone's, having received the Republican nomination for sergeant-at-arms, it must be accepted as true that Mahone had received it as a reward for having sided with the Republicans. Butler's speech was pitiful in the extreme, and he shouted in a loud tone his denial of statements made by Messrs. Frye, Hoar, Dawes, Sherman, and other Republican senators, that the Mahone movement meant a free ballot and a fair count. He took occasion to affirm that the Democratic party south had always favored free elections, and was ever the friend of poor voters, black and white. The speech was an extreme one, but at the same time greatly amused the Republican side of the chamber. Mahone was an attentive listener, leaning back in his chair with his feet over his desk, and will probably have something to say in reply to the strictures upon his political course. Butler made the charge that Republican senators had offered to vote the Democratic employees of the senate their salaries until next December, if the Democrats would cease their opposition and permit the Republicans to organize the senate. This statement will be noticed and pronounced unqualifiedly false at the proper time.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—It is believed another caucus will be held next Monday, and that the first executive session will be held next Tuesday. It is decided that the first executive business will be the consideration of the Chinese treaties in order that they be ratified and accepted in the time limited. The caucus committee will endeavor to retain entire control of the executive work, so that the Republicans can resume their fight on the election of Senate officers whenever it seems expedient.

Senators Rollins and Bill, of Colorado, are named as two of the caucus committee, but the others are not yet decided. Hoar is urged by some, but the fact that his colleague is chairman will prevent his going on the committee.

The Republican Senators unanimously believe in sustaining Mahone, and the only matter that is likely to cause any division among them is the Robert case. As Conkling holds that his duty to his party prompts him to use any advantage he may get to reject Robertson.

There is a rumor that the caucus committee will try to bring about a compromise on Robertson, and will urge the President to take some step of that kind, but this would not be done by order of the caucus. Some Republican Senators advise this course, and if it is done, it will be an individual and not a party action. Some Republicans hold that, in view of the situation, this cause of internal strife should be removed.

The published statement that ex-Senator Randolph is going to Mexico on railroad enterprises is denied by his family.

Davis, of West Virginia, is going to make a speech in the Senate next week, in relation to the debt between Old Virginia and West Virginia.

Butler pitched into Frye pretty severely today. Frye is absent, and Hale intends to reply, which gives rise to speculation that Hale's speech may, like that of Frye, be made use of to influence votes against Robertson.

Some friends of Brady and others accused of connection with the star route scandal, declare today that the accused are going to fight; that Brady will show that he sent money to carry Indiana for Garfield last year at the latter's request, and that the money was raised from mail contractors, and the President knew it. Also, that articles attacking the President in connection with his service on the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee will be published. Whether Brady authorized this declaration of war is not known, but it is being made by some of his friends.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 28.—In the senate the appropriation bills on second reading were taken up and disposed of, all going to a third reading without objection, and the committee amendments being adopted. The list is as follows: The Lincoln asylum for feeble-minded children, \$124,775 for ordinary expenses and new buildings; the state Normal University, at Normal, \$18,750 per annum, for current expenses; the Anna Insane Hospital, for running expenses, new buildings and improvements, \$174,535; the Jacksonville Insane Hospital, \$217,000 for ordinary expenses, improvements and repairs; the Jacksonville Deaf and Dumb institution, for general expenses and repairs, \$170,000, and a donation of \$10,000 to the Chicago Deaf and Dumb school, to be paid to the Chicago board of education, and disbursed by them. On third reading, Mr. Marshall's bill to tax school trustees \$1 for an exam-

ination fee to create a fund for the support of the teachers' institute, was passed.—June 28, says 14.

The bill to make decoration day and general election day a legal holiday, as regards notes and due bills, passed.—says 35, notes 1.

The bill to tax railroad companies 2 1/2 per cent. on their gross earnings was defeated by a vote of 20 to 91, after a long debate.

HOUSE.

When the house met this morning there was a good attendance on both sides. Eight Republicans were absent. The speaker held that nothing was in order but the unfinished business of yesterday, being the consideration of the senate resolution to proceed at once with the senatorial and congressional appointments. The Democrats had decided not to vote on the resolution at all, and stuck to this determination. The Republicans in caucus had decided to vote solidly for it three times. On the first roll-call, 71 Republicans voted aye—6 less than enough to adopt. Morris, Tamm and Wright, of Boone, declined to vote. On the next two roll-calls all the Republicans present voted aye, making 74 votes—3 less than enough, while none of the Democrats voted. The Republicans were no longer bound by the caucus agreement, and on the fourth roll call, Hoyer, Kelly and Stover, Republicans, voted no. Twelve Republicans declined to vote, namely, Allen, Baldwin, Brown, Bundy, Chaffee, Davis, Phelps, Rockwell, Simonson, Sumner, White, of Cook, and Wright of DePage. The Democrats again declined to vote, while all the other Republicans voted aye. There being no prospect of breaking the deadlock, Mr. Collins, of Cook, moved, as a question of privilege, to take up the special order of the day, and quoted authorities to sustain his motion. The speaker decided this motion of order. An appeal being taken, the speaker was sustained by a vote of 91 to 17—the Democrats and a majority of the Republicans voting aye. The dreary work of calling the roll was then resumed, the Democrats continuing to decline to vote and the Republicans being unable to adopt the resolution, each vote announced showing no quorum voting, but the speaker would declare that he had ascertained by actual count that there was a quorum present, and would order another roll-call, declining to entertain any motion of any kind.

ELGIN, ILL., April 28.—A frightful calamity occurred in this city this morning by the swamping of the ferry boat used in crossing the river at Chicago street. It is estimated that thirty passengers were upon the boat, and only fourteen have been saved. The boat was crossing the river from the west side, and when nearly two-thirds over began to fill with water. The passengers in consternation immediately fled to the dry part of the boat, clinging to the railing, which, giving away, precipitated them into the river. As the water poured into the boat, it sank below the surface, leaving thirty human souls battling for life in the angry current.

The water at this point is fully fifteen feet deep, and the current running at least six miles per hour. Yesterday the boat, which was ordered by the City Council as soon as the iron bridge fell last week, made the first run, and it is only a matter of surprise that the accident had not occurred sooner. It is only 11x18 feet and does not stand more than six inches above the water. Much indignation is felt against both the Council and the builders of the boat.

So far as ascertained, the following are among the saved: V. W. H. Patton, Dr. Von Koehring, Robert Egan, Patrick Sullivan, John Collins, John Kirkpatrick, William Long, Peter Johnson, L. Olson, J. A. Harristown, L. D. Pastman, two little girls named Emma Barringer and Bertha Rahn, and a farmer, name unknown. These were rescued by boats sent to their assistance and by boards.

Those missing and known to have been on the boat are Thomas Murphy, Andrew Dawson, John Corbin, Guy Carlisle, George Taylor, William Coleville, Elmer Foster and a little girl named Frances O'Griffin.

J. A. Simonds, of New York, and J. S. Lockwood, of Rockford, guests at the Waverly Hotel, are missing, and, as they intended crossing on the boat, it is believed they are lost.

The river is being dragged, but no bodies have as yet been found. A low estimate would place the drowned at twelve or fifteen.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Senator Anthony, Chairman of the Republican caucus, has not yet appointed the committee to arrange for an executive session. Senator Dawes will be chairman, and he and Senator Anthony will confer about the other members of the committee with a view of making it representative of all shades of opinions among the Republicans. The object of the committee will be to fix a date for holding the first executive session, and to arrange, 1, to confirm the nominations to fill vacancies; and, 2, that no contested nominations shall be brought forward, as the Republicans have determined to maintain their position on the election of Senate officers. It is of the utmost importance that they be kept in solid line. Senator Conkling, it appears, is not willing to pledge himself to defer the contest over Robertson's nomination until next winter, and he believes he has considerable Democratic support now, and being chairman of the committee to which Robertson must be referred, it will be in his power, if executive sessions are held, to report back at any time or to hold the nomination back. If he sees fit to contest over this nomination, it will necessarily cause some division among the Republicans, which the majority are anxious to avoid. There is a rumor that the caucus committee will try to bring about a compromise on Robertson, and will urge the President to take some step of that kind, but this would not be done by order of the caucus. Some Republican Senators advise this course, and if it is done, it will be an individual and not a party action. Some Republicans hold that, in view of the situation, this cause of internal strife should be removed.

SALEM, ILL., April 28.—A terrible explosion shook every house in the city this morning at about 7 o'clock. Windows in several houses were shattered. For some time the cause was not known, until it was ascertained that an engine at the railroad had exploded. Engine 24, an old, condemned piece of machinery, was pulling a construction train. The fireman, John O. Connor, was very severely injured. His right leg was shattered below the knee, besides being scalded in several places. The engineer, Bob Wallace, was blown from the cab seat to the back end of the tank, receiving only a few scratches. No cause has been ascertained for the explosion. Both engineer and fireman say that there was plenty of water, and but 124 pounds of steam. The engine was not fit for service.

NEW YORK, April 28.—A letter from St. Petersburg gives a gloomy account of the new czar, left at the castle of Gatchina, thirty miles from the capital. Before the court removed thither, several hundred artisans of Preobrazhensky regiment were sent to make the necessary alterations. At midnight they assembled in a chamber at Gatchina, and were sworn to silence, death or Siberia being the penalty of a violation of the oath. Ten roubles were the price of each man's silence. The alterations were made in forty-eight hours. Vodka soon loosened the tongues of the workmen, and the following is a description of the precautions against assassination made in the palace of the czar. A subterranean passage leads from the czar's room to the stable, where a number of horses are kept saddled and bridled day and night. Sentinels are posted at intervals of twenty yards all around the building. The imperial bedroom has two windows, protected at night by massive iron shutters, which can only be reached from the outside by passing three ante chambers, in which are posted eighty cossacks armed to the teeth. They are allowed to speak and move about in two outer rooms, but in the hall adjoining the czar's bedroom perfect silence is maintained at night. The general on duty for the day sits in an easy chair, his cossacks sitting on a divan which runs around the whole room. At the general's right is the knob of the electric apparatus which rings the bell in every guard within the palace ground. When the emperor is about to retire, before shutting the door, he removes the outer handle so no entrance can be effected until he himself opens it from the inside. Unlike his father he cannot endure an armed soldier in his bed chamber.

Several mines have been discovered at St. Petersburg. A quantity of dynamite was seized just after it had been introduced into the court yard of the palace of Gatchina, concealed in a load of hay.

The czarina is seriously ill, being subject to severe nervous attacks and strange hallucinations.

Special Notice. We are now prepared to clip horses on short notice and in fine style at our stables on West Main street. April 18-dtfw

TO PERSONS ABOUT TO MARRY. "To persons about to marry," Douglas Jerrold's advice was, "Don't," we supplement by saying, "without having in a supply of Spring Bile Beans, which cure Albuminuria and other Kidney and Bladder complaints. Prices: \$1.50 each, and trial bottles 10 cents. ap27

The expense of shoeing children can be reduced one-half, by their wearing those protected at the toe with the A. S. T. Co. Black Tip. Every tip has A. S. T. Co. stamped upon the front of it. ap24-d&w1w

Going to Sell Them. Best Oil Shading, 15c per yard. Shade Fixtures, 12c each. Tassels, 5c each. Spring Fixtures, best, 2c each. Fringe, 5c per yard. Plenty of them and all the best, to close out, at ASHBY & ANDREWS, 400 Cerrito Street, car runs by the door. April 15-d&w1w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE. STATE OF ILLINOIS, CLERK OF COURT, CLERK OF COURT.

Public notice is hereby given, that on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1905, I, the undersigned, a voluntary assignee of the stock of furniture under an act concerning voluntary assignments and conferring jurisdiction thereon upon county courts, in force July 1, 1897, to the undersigned, and all creditors are hereby notified to present their claims under oath of affirmation to me within three months of this date. CHAS. C. LINTNER, Assignee. Decatur, Ill., April 28, 1905.

STOVES TAKEN ON STORAGE. For the season, cleaned, kept dry, and put up when wanted for use in the fall, by R. LIDDLE, Court House Block. April 15-dtfw1w

NOW OPEN!

One of the handsomest stocks of Goods we have ever shown. All bought since the great

BREAK IN PRICES in New York,

Enabling us to show you goods at less prices than early purchasers paid for them.

Our Embroideries at 25 cents are as good as you have ever seen at 40 cents. Our stock of Laces is elegant; all the new styles and patterns and at exceedingly low prices. We show a beautiful line of real Thread and Duchesse at lower prices than any city will show them.

Our Stock of "Hay" Kid Gloves contains all the new shades. We also show the Imperial Kids, all colors, with 5 hooks. Our 16-cent all-wool Hosiery are the same that sold last year at 25 cents, and the best goods we sell at 25 cents.

Our Black Brocade Silks at 65 and 75 cents and \$1.00 are beautiful and as good as we have ever shown at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

We have a handsome line of Dress Silks, all colors, at \$1.00, with Brocade to match; also plain and plaid Satins, plaid Surahs, and new styles Summer Silks, at 50 cents and up. Our stock of Black Silks, commencing at 50 cents, contains some of the best makes and at the lowest prices.

We also carry handsome Black Surahs, Marvalieux and Satin de Lyon. Our stock of Girls' and Ladies' Hosiery and Gloves is very complete with new styles, including Black Silk and Black Lisle Thread Hose for ladies. We have pretty Rabbings, Collars, Cuffs, Ladies' Ties and a full line of Ribbons, gros grain, satin and fancies.

We show the best Corsets in the city for the prices, and full lines of Ladies' and Gents' Underwear.

See our Gents' Improved Unlaundried Shirt at \$1.00.

F. L. HAYS & CO.

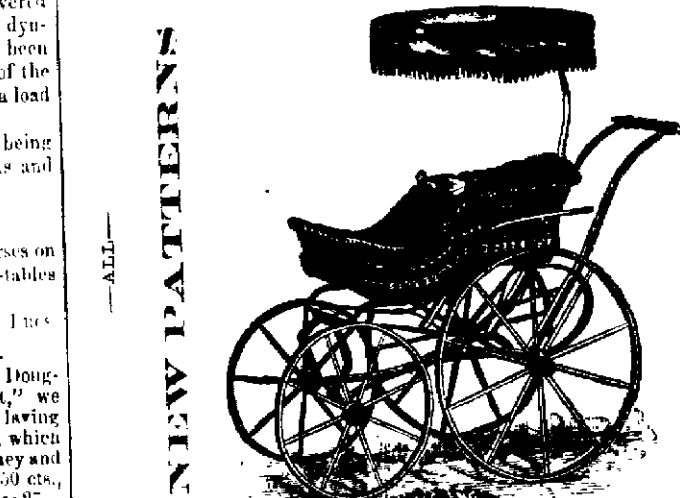
April 28-dtfw1w

See our New Styles in BANGLEE and BAND BRACELETS, as well as new and desirable patterns in every department. Remember we show you the latest patterns out, a greater variety of goods, and give you prices lower than any other house in the city.

OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.

April 28, 1905-dtfw1w

BABY BUGGIES! Children's Carriages! Sleeping Coaches!



GOOD GOODS, AT VERY LOW PRICES.



VAPOR STOVES! ECONOMICAL COOKING STOVE.

FURNITURE, STOVES, BEDS, BED ROOM OUTFITS! DINING ROOM OUTFITS! KITCHEN OUTFITS!

In fact, almost everything you want for Housekeeping, all at the VERY LOWEST PRICES, at LIDDLE'S MAMMOTH STORES, COURT HOUSE BLOCK.

March 22-dtfw1w

GIRLS and Boys collection, just received. E. D. Rose

"Is your name M. a common salutation?" 2028

Views of the city for sale at A. T. Grist

Their social and grand jury men of the African Methodist Church. The attendance and their liberality. MEMORIAL PARADE 26-dtfw

The register at indicates that Nick is doing a booming

Don't fail to attend the opera house. It will be a fine treat. MILWAUKEE bread is sweet.

MARSHAL HEWITT from Niantic brown males now given of those stolen near Cerrito Gordo day, in charge of a ward. The chances of kickers will be capped.

A CARLOAD of chertoes from New York Young Bros.

The funeral of the West took place at 10 o'clock.

Improved Pearl cheapest shirt in see them, at Hirsch 26-dtfw

IVAN M. JAVIS shot yesterday a specimen of water in this section—hypercarnally any on Gaitman, who put Northern River in water, about the a long sharp bill, expression, "As I never before met a Loon.

RECEIVED, this Ford and Lowell C. April 29-dtf

Your attention tion of a large and linary, in all the at Mr.

April 21-dtf ELDER JACKSON address on temple noon at 3:30 a'clock cause wishing to should go and see.

Smoke the Sun you want solid FIRST CLASS UP PROVED & SONS

We show the sold in Illinois 23-dtfw1w

NOTE: but part turned out by P. Merchant. The motion always put 12-dtfw1w

It is unpleasant ing and coughing Marshall's Lung Price 25 and 50 c. sell it.

THE red, white and Dr. Marshall for all. It cures every 27-dtfw1w

NEW GLOVES new styles in the 25-dtfw

We show a handsome style, made, \$4.50. It shows a beautiful the handsomest considerable less market. We show in this line. We made out of shell 25-dtfw1w

DR. MOULT'S Cathartic Pills. HEAVY

The BEST SAUCE. Brines, soups, Chopped Ham, C of skin eruptions. Sale is guaranteed in every case. You get 10c for all others are 15c. For sale by all druggists.

PINK French The price was out at McEach. Feb 21-dtfw1w

By Fleury, the experienced bar 24-dtf

A man and wife the country. Will pay W. Breuninger.

For the next at 37 North Ch to buy good so market. Draft from 1,000 to 10 April 4-dtfw1w

CITY DEPARTMENT.

GIRLS and Boys' Velocipedes, a fine collection, just received at
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.
"Is your name Mitchell?" has become a common salutation among jocular citizens.

Views of the city park, April 2, 1931, for sale at A. T. Grist's.
The social and festive given in the grand jury room last night for the benefit of the African Methodist church, netted \$27. The attendance of the membership and their liberality was quite satisfactory.

Merchandise Parades, in all colors, at 20-41w ROACH & McKEOWN'S.

The register at the new Palace Hotel indicates that Nick Laux, the genial host, is doing a booming business.

Dust fall to attend the entertainment at the opera house next Tuesday evening. It will be a fine literary and musical treat. MILAM'S bread is always fresh and pure and sweet. 14-41w

MARSHAL HAWES has received a telegram from Niasatic stating that a span of brown mules answering the description given of those stolen from Mr. Misher, near Cerro Gordo on Tuesday night, had been seen passing that village on Wednesday, in charge of a stranger, going westward. The chances are that the \$425 kickers will be captured.

A CARLOAD of choice peachbloss potatoes from New York, just received at Young Bros. 22-41w

The funeral of the late Mrs. Whetson West took place from the Kepler residence on South Main street this forenoon at 10 o'clock.

The Prof. Leonard assembly at Guards Armory, last night, was the occasion of much enjoyment to the merry dancers present. Several strangers from Bloomington and other neighboring cities were in attendance. The parties will be continued during the summer months.

IMPROVED Pearl Shirts, the best and cheapest shirt in the market. Call and see them, at ROACH & McKEOWN'S. 36-41w

IVAN M. DAVIS, son of H. W. Davis, shot yesterday a very rare and interesting specimen of waterfowl—one seldom seen in this section—and was not recognized by anyone until it reached Mr. Gastman, who pronounced it a *Luna or Northern Duck*. The bird is very active in water, about the size of a Brand, with a long sharp bill. We have heard of the expression, "As Crazy as a Loon," but never before met with the original Mr. Loon.

Received, this day, a lot of New Hartford and Lowell Carpets.
April 29-41w LINS & SCHUMAS.

Your attention is called to an inspection of a large and complete line of Millinery, in all the novelties of the season, at Mrs. R. C. HAMMERSLEY, 21 Central Block.

ELDER JACKSON will deliver another address on temperance on Sunday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock. The friends of the cause wishing to hear a splendid speaker, should go and hear the Elder.

Bring the Schreder Biscuits right of a want solid comfort.
First class afternoon done at P. B. Frost & Sons. 3-41w

We show the best of all there that is in all Illinois. CHEAP STORE. 21-41w

Not but perfect fitting garments are lined out by Fleury, the French Cutter Merchant Tailor, emporium, satisfaction always guaranteed. 12-41w

It is unpleasant to be continually hacking and coughing. One bottle of Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup will cure you. Price 25 and 50 cents a bottle. Druggists sell it. 23

THE red, white and blue floats for all, and Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup is made for all. It cures coughs, colds and influenza. Ask your druggist for it. 23

NEW Gloves, Hosiery, and elegant new styles in Parades, just received at ROACH & McKEOWN'S, 12 south side Park. 36-41w

R. W. MILLER, of Chicago, Ill., agent for the Holly Company of Lockport, N. Y., is also agent for the United States Electric Lighting Company of New York city. He is now in our city to talk and confer with Decatur capitalists and business men in regard to organizing a company here to commence at as early a day as practicable the laying of steam mains and other necessary fixtures; also to furnish steam engines to generate electricity for light; also wires and all necessary fixtures, in order to furnish our citizens with steam heating, steam cooking, and power supply to run steam engines and all kinds of machinery on the largest scale down to a single sewing machine. In short, to furnish steam heat and electric light to our citizens for dwellings, stores, banks, offices, churches, hotels, and all places where heat and light are desired.

Choice refreshments will be served in the hall by affable ladies at the A. T. Club ball to-night, for the benefit of the Industrial School for Homeless Girls. A large number of tickets have been sold for the party, and the indications are strong that a large crowd will be present. Professor Goodman will furnish the music, and Prof. Leonard will act as prompter. These holding invitations can procure tickets at O. E. Curtis & Co's.

The ladies of the First M. E. Church congregation, whose homes are in the third ward, did nobly last night, and manipulated one of the most enjoyable church affairs of the year. It was the occasion of the initial spring supper, social and festival, and an unusually large number of people were present, who stayed late and patronized the various refreshment tables liberally.

For the Republican.
BY FIRST POEM-REVISED.

BY IVAN.
Bright Spring, the triumph of the year, brings warbling birds from far and near.

To sport among the trees, in forests wide, and round our homes, With cheerful hearts they make their homes, And float upon the breeze.

The silent buds now open wide; The branches wave like Ocean tide By balmy breezes blown.

The morning dews from grass and flowers Arise on high and fall in showers Where cooling draughts are thrown.

The bee is out on busy wing, Though but a weak and tiny thing, To gather treasure sweet From opening flowers in wood and field, And think a joy in what they yield Of sweetness for its need.

A. D. 1931.

The Dead at Rest.
The funeral of the late Hon. A. B. Dunn, which took place from St. John's Episcopal church, on yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, was deeply impressive in character and was quite largely attended by sympathizing friends of the family. The members of the Macon County Bar, of which the deceased was an old and distinguished member, attended in a body. The usual Episcopal service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. H. Moore, who also read the burial service at the grave in Greenwood cemetery. The pall-bearers were ex-Gov. R. J. Oglesby, Judge S. F. Greer, Edwin Park, Esq., James C. Lake, Esq., K. H. Roby, Esq., and Hugh Crea, Esq.

Bible Meetings.
On Sunday evening, May 1st, the 39th anniversary of the Macon County Bible Society will be held at the Baptist and Presbyterian churches. The following programme of exercises will be observed at the Baptist church:

1. Singing—Hymn announced by Prof. R. A. Gastman.
2. Prayer by W. H. Sergeant.
3. Scripture Reading by Prof. J. N. Wilkinson.
4. Singing—Hymn announced by L. J. Davis.
5. Address—Ten minutes—by Rev. J. V. Porter, Moderator.

6. Singing by the Choir.
7. Address—Twenty minutes—by Rev. W. H. Musgrove.
8. Announcement of Officers and Treasurer's Report.
9. Singing—Constitution.
10. Benediction.

At the Presbyterian church the following exercises will take place:

1. Singing announced by Rev. W. H. Presley.
2. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Barton.
3. Scripture Reading by Mr. L. Burrows.
4. Singing announced by Mr. G. A. Henderson.
5. Address—Ten minutes—by Mr. H. Dunn, Moderator.

6. Singing by the Choir.
7. Address—Twenty minutes—by Rev. W. H. Barton.
8. Announcement of Officers and Treasurer's Report.
9. Singing—Constitution.
10. Benediction.

The exercises at each church will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Conductor S. W. Wims lost a valuable gold ring near the round house switch. The ring has a monogram of the initials of the owner on the outside, and on the inside is engraved, "From Dan to Sam, Dec. 25, 1896." A liberal reward will be paid for its return to "Dan's Bank." 29-41w

Young Ladies' Christian Temperance Union.
The members of the Young Ladies' Christian Temperance Union are earnestly requested to be present at a meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, on Saturday afternoon, April 30, at half past one o'clock, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting.

By order of the President.
Quarterly Meeting.
At the U. B. C. Church, next Sabbath, May 1st. Preaching in the morning at 10:30 o'clock, by the Presiding Elder, Rev. W. W. Koipfle. Come out and hear him. J. V. Porter, Pastor.

Parades.
See and price them at the 29-41w CHEAP STORE.

Death of Mrs. Lizzie M. Cool on Clinton Street Last Evening.
Our readers will be pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Lizzie M. Cool, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Trull, and wife of Mr. Isaac M. Cool, which sad event took place at the family residence on North Clinton street last evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Cool was first taken down and seriously ill on last Saturday afternoon with a painful disease known to the medical profession as *myo peritonitis*, and although the family physician gave the sufferer the full benefit of his skill and experience, and relatives and friends paid her every possible attention, she gradually grew weaker and weaker, and died peacefully at the time stated, being conscious to the last moment.

The deceased was born in Goffstown, Hillsborough county, New Hampshire, about the year 1840, and had resided in Decatur for nearly 25 years. Here she was educated and grew to womanhood. On January 20th, 1874 she and her now bereft husband were united in marriage by Rev. J. C. Bonham, and two children—one a girl about six years old and one a boy fourteen months old—were left motherless. The deceased was a true woman in every sense of the word, and possessed many excellent qualities of mind and heart that made her companionship a real pleasure, and her home one of perpetual sunshine. She lived a consistent Christian, and passed into the great Beyond without fear. The bereaved husband and mother and brothers, and the motherless children will have the sincere sympathy of all our people in their deep affliction.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, on North Clinton street, on Sunday, May 1st, at 3:30 p. m. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Presley, of the Presbyterian church. The pall-bearers will be J. B. Dinges, O. B. Gorn, J. F. Roach, John C. Mark, J. P. Eekels and George E. Harry.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Miss Anna Hughes, with Mrs. M. L. McDonald, has no superior as an artistic shearer of silk and satin.

Rev. Richmond received a telegram today announcing the death of his father. He will return to Pennsylvania in a few days.

Mr. Pulaski Citizen: W. F. Sams has accepted a position in Decatur with Bartholomew & Co., wholesale queensware dealers.

J. S. Hughes, Jr., son of David L. Hughes, and a member of the Guards Drum Corps, will go to Cicero, Ill., next week and open a tin shop and hardware store.

Frank Williams, the traveling business agent for the N. Y. Madison Square Theatre company, which will play "Hazel Kirk" here May 6th, gave us a pleasant call to day. He is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

J. K. Burke, business manager for Mitchell's Pleasure Party, booked to appear at the opera house in "Our Goblins," May 12th, is at the St. Nicholas. The "Our Goblins" company is one of the jolliest parties on the road and excel the Harrisons in many respects.

John W. Paine, Jr., has placed on our table a handsome lot of specimens of crystallized quartz from a large collection made by him during the past thirty years. Any person desiring to purchase fine specimens should call on Mr. Paine at once, as he is about removing to Washington, D. C.

The following appeared as a special telegram in Thursday's Chicago *Inter-Ocean*: "Rev. S. Boyle married Miss Alice Ainsworth and Mr. Charles E. Freeman, of Decatur, Ill. The wedding was a private one, relatives and a few friends only being present. They leave next Monday for Decatur, Ill., their future home, with the kind wishes of hosts of friends."

Henry W. Elwood has received his commission as First Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the Fifth Regiment Illinois National Guards, which was issued on April 4th, and is signed by Governor Cullum and Adjutant General Hilliard. It is a large and handsome lithograph parchment document, with the big red seal of the Adjutant General at the left hand corner.

Opera House Entertainment.
The musical and literary entertainment announced in our columns from day to day includes some of the finest musical artists, and bids fair to be the musical treat of the season. All that are interested in wooing and wedding should be on hand and hear the lecture on courtship and marriage. Miss Andrews' selection of *The Flower Girl*, undoubtedly will be charming to all lovers of music. Get your reserved seats early if you have any choice in numbers. The tickets are selling rapidly; over 400 sold yesterday.

The French Florist.
Nicholas Bommerbach, the florist, is now prepared to make flower beds and lay off yards in grounds in the most approved style and at reasonable rates. He will also do decorative work in the cemetery when called upon. Call at the Bommerbach Greenhouse, entrance to Decatur Greenwood Cemetery. 29-41w

Imported and Domestic Hosiery.
In addition to the very full and large stock of Hosiery that we carry, we have on the way another full case, comprising about 100 dozens of domestic and imported goods, in ladies', misses, and children's; plain ballgown in all grades and quantities; striped, dotted and other fancy shades, in endless variety. We do not show the largest, best assorted and cheapest line in the city. We carry most everything made in domestic hose, and a very full assortment of imported goods. CHEAP STORE, 29-41w

10 Cents a Pair.
Two cases of ladies' and children's hose—the best ever sold for the money. 29-41w CHEAP STORE.

Silk and Straw Millinery Goods, Patterns, Bonnets, etc., at Mrs. R. C. HAMMERSLEY, No. 21 Central Block. Apr 21-41w

THE best is the cheapest; therefore when you buy Powder, buy the American DEAD SHOT OF KORMYER & O'NEILL, 8-41w

Two doors east of P. O.

DECATUR'S BUILDING BOOM.

More Improvement Notes Collected From Various Points in the Third Ward, and More to Follow.

The Chenoweth Change—A Visit to "Brownville."

It is plainly apparent to the most careless observer that the building boom now in progress in the third ward is one of the most substantial character. The new dwellings going up are all neat and expensive frame structures, and every section of that part of the city has an air of prosperity.

THIRD WARD.

THE CHENOWETH CHANGE.

Drs. W. J. and Cass Chenoweth now own the whole of the brick building on the south side of West Main street, half a block west of the old square, they having purchased from Henry Bishop his interest in the building for \$1400. They have torn down all of the old front and part of the west side. The entire front part of the building has been built up anew and several rooms have been added. When the improvements are completed there will be two elegantly appointed private offices, one for the exclusive use of each physician, and a large general office to be used as a general reception room. The floors will be covered with linoleum, a beautiful covering made of the most lasting material—mainly cork and solidified oil. The building will have all the modern conveniences afforded by the city improvements. The entire cost of the change will be about \$2300.

Postmaster Lytle is having his commodious frame residence on West Main street repainted in the artist's best style.

H. S. Evans is putting up two neat T-shaped tenement houses on the corner of West Main and Baker streets, near the St. Louis branch of the Wabash, at a cost of \$1,000. One, containing four rooms and closets, is nearly completed. It fronts on Main street. The other dwelling will be put up next month. It will front on Baker street.

Last fall F. B. Tait put up a one story frame dwelling house near Baker street, at a cost of \$300. It is occupied by Geo. Winston and family.

David Hutchinson and family occupy a dwelling on South John street, which he has improved noticeably at a cost of \$300. He has added a large summer kitchen, built a substantial wood shed, and built a new high board and picket fence around a portion of the lot. The house on the adjoining lot, which is jointly owned by D. Hutchinson and I. A. Buckingham, has also been improved to the extent of about \$100. A new picket fence decorates the front of the lot.

R. S. Bohon has invested about \$6,000 in substantial tenement property in the G. F. Wessels' addition on West South Macon street. On the two lots on the southwest corner of Macon and Pray streets, he has built two large one-story frame houses, each containing five rooms and closets, and on the opposite side of the street, north, are two neat cottages, which he has sold to the occupants. Further east, on the north side of Macon street, is a small frame house, which was also built by Mr. Bohon.

It is understood that several additional new dwellings will be put up in the Wessels' addition this summer and fall. In a few weeks a new frame dwelling, to be occupied by Rev. Mr. Barton and family, will be built at a cost of \$600 on South Macon street, near the Bohon property, and J. F. Roach will put up two \$600 dwellings on the corner of Baker and Macon streets.

John Bird has expended nearly \$700 in making recent improvements at his comfortable home on Cemetery street. He has put up a two story frame addition which contains four rooms.

On the northeast corner, opposite Hon. Jason Rogers' residence, on South Union street, a handsome two story frame dwelling, gothic style, is being put up by Mrs. H. B. Durfee, at a cost of about \$2,500. The size is 23 feet wide and 41 feet deep; it will contain nine large rooms, not counting the closets. When the dwelling is finished Mrs. Durfee and family will occupy it.

On the west side of Cemetery street, near the entrance to Greenwood, a new two-story frame cottage, the main part of which is 26 by 28 feet in size, is being put up by John Imboden at a cost of over \$1200. It will contain seven rooms, a number of closets, a large cellar beneath, and at the rear is a kitchen, 16 by 18 feet in size. The dwelling will be occupied by Bommerbach, the French florist, and his family.

On the opposite side of the street, south of Jesse Bendure's residence, Mr. Bommerbach has built his new greenhouse and hot beds, and near the greenhouse is the florist's business office. These improvements cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000. The greenhouse is nearly filled with a choice collection of plants brought here from Indianapolis, Springfield, Ohio, and various points in the east.

Frank McKinley has put up a new frame house on Cemetery street at a cost of \$600. His new stable cost him an extra \$200.

"BROWNVILLE" AND VICINITY.
On his rounds the reporter invaded the sacred precincts of Decatur's new suburb—"Brownville"—on West Main street, west of the St. Louis branch of the Wabash road. The village was so christened by Z. W. Brown who is the lord of a half acre of ground on the south side of the road, adjoining the railway. On the land Mr. Brown has built a one story frame dwelling containing five rooms, at a cost of \$300, and near by is his wagon and repair shop, where he employs his time in making substantial farm and spring wagons, does all sorts of repairing, and discusses questions of theology, demonstrates mathematical problems and talks politics with his patrons and the weary wayfarer, who al-

ways finds a hearty welcome and good cheer by the hospitable residents of "Brownville." No postoffice has yet been established at the village, but trains go whizzing by every few hours, to the great delight and wonderment of the precocious children who play upon the green and hearken to the command of the saps of the neighborhood. There is a bright future before "Brownville." It is bound to grow, and those wishing a location for a pleasant suburban residence will go farther and fare worse if they ignore the fine sites in and about the new "town."

THE DUNHAM GREENHOUSE.

One of the more noticeable improvements west of "Brownville" is a modern \$700 greenhouse, owned by Mrs. Dayton Dunham. It was built last fall and winter and now contains over 6,000 tender plants that look as fresh and prettily as any florist could wish. The size of this winter home of the tender plants is 18 feet wide and 50 feet long. It is supplied with all the modern improvements, and is heated by an expensive corrugated fire box boiler, of the Hitchings & Co. manufacture. Near the greenhouse are 15 hot beds, which with the plants in the flowery kingdom alluded to, are the constant care of Mrs. Dunham and her husband.

In the second ward on the west side of North Edward street between Eldorado and Cerro Gordo, John G. May, the painter, has purchased a residence lot for \$225, on which he is now building a neat frame cottage, which with the stable and other improvements will cost him nearly \$1000. The cottage will contain 7 good rooms, and will be ornamented and painted in fine style.

John S. Campbell has built a fine \$300 frame stable at the rear of his residence lot on West Cerro Gordo street.

A new two story frame house worth \$800 will be put up at once on the west side of North College street, between Eldorado and Cerro Gordo, by John S. Campbell. It will contain six rooms. Ground was broken for the foundation today.

DIED.

Near Sangamon station, in this county, on Thursday afternoon, April 28, 1931, Mrs. Henry Peak, aged about 30 years.

The funeral took place from North Fork Church, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Elder John W. Tyler conducted the services.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

The following quotations at McWhorter & Rutlin's Commission Rooms at 1 p. m. To-Day.
CHICAGO, April 29.
Wheat—1.04 1/2 May; 1.07 1/2 June; 1.08 1/2 July.
Corn—47 1/2 May; 48 1/2 June; 49 1/2 July.
Oats—35 1/2 May; 35 1/2 June; 36 1/2 July.
Pork—\$17.40 May; \$17.45 June; \$17.50 July.
Lard—\$11.15 May; \$11.25 June; \$11.35 July.

H. F. MCCARTHY, wholesale and Retail Druggist, Ottawa, Ontario, writes: "I was afflicted with Chronic Bronchitis for some years, but have been completely cured by the use of Doctor Thomas' Electric Oil, in doses of five drops on sugar. I have also pleasure in recommending it as an embrocation for external use." For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. apr 27

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"The man who denied that the earth was round, was the same lunatic who neglected to take Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for his sore chest and lungs last month. Peace to his ashes. He was an idiot, but we hope he had a Christian burial." For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

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Admission, 50 cents and 20 cents. Special reserved seats \$1.00. Tickets may be had at the Opera House on Saturday, from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

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